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1. South Vietnam

Premier Ky has completed a showy visit to Hué where he renewed his public assurances that his government had no intention to repress any religious group and would hold elections in the fall.

In the Saigon area, the striking construction workers are reported reluctant to return to work on the basis of government assurances that some wage increase will be granted. To date, the major unions, by and large, have not served as a focus for antigovernment dissension, but any prolongation of the bureaucratic process in settling the wage issue could add political ferment to what is primarily an economic issue.

Nongovernmental workers were not benefited by the recent wage increase granted government employees.

2. Soviet Union

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3. Rumania

The embassy in Bucharest has a good source who has filled in some of the details of the bitter exchange between the Rumanian leaders and Chou En-lai over Vietnam on Thursday.

The Rumanians are said to have argued cautiously but firmly that the Vietnamese crisis cannot be settled by armed force. They said the situation demands political maneuvering, not military force.

Chou countered this by stressing that even if virtually all of Vietnam were destroyed and only a handful of people were left to triumph, it would be worth the price since the victors could build the "greatest civilization ever." When it became clear that his hosts would not buy this line, Chou blew up and called the Rumanian party chief a "revisionist worse than Tito because you are so hypocritical."

The Rumanian, in turn, shouted that Chou was guilty of "shameful insolence" and stormed out of the discussions, slamming the door.

Chou later apologized, but the joint communiqué showed that heavy strains remained in the Bucharest-Peking relationship.

4. Cuba

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5. Kenya

The Kenyan Government is adopting an increasingly bellicose stance toward Somalia's propaganda broadcasts against President Kenyatta and the guerrilla raids being made into northeastern Kenya. This week Nairobi prohibited Somali citizens and airline flights from entering Kenya and severed commercial relations with Somalia.

Kenya's defense minister has publicly called for aggressive action against the guerrillas

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